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We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above—identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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